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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The restriction requirement contained in the office action dated March 23, 2004, is respectfully traversed. Specifically, applicants do not believe that the examination of the three groups of claims in one application would constitute a significant additional burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement.

In the event that the Examiner decides to maintain the restriction requirement, applicants elect group I, containing claims 1-15 and 20-30 (with traverse).

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